

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 13 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

During the gland plate 30 and 31 manufacturing process, the bolt slots 39 and 38, are typically formed in the sheet material by a pressing or punching operation. During said operation, the sheet material is displaced 40. The displaced material 40 surrounding the circumference of the slot 38 and 39 is advantageous as this provides strength to this area of the gland plates 30 and 31. This is important since at least one screw and the resulting clamping force from the screw is transmitted into this area of the gland plate 30 and ~~[[30]]~~ 31.